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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with Senator Richard B. Russell

1. The Director, accompanied by Mr. Emmett Echols and [redacted], met with Senator Russell for approximately 40 minutes. The Director first discussed the proposed new building for our printing facilities. He went through this briefly indicating cost and security advantages of consolidating our two facilities in a new building at the headquarters site. He advised the Senator that total cost would be approximately $1.7 million pointing out that this amount remained from the original appropriation for the headquarters installation. The Director stated that it was our view that the funds were still available and that the original authorization was sufficiently broad to cover this. The Director pointed out that this had, however, been discussed with Mr. Vinson's Subcommittee and Mr. Mahon's Subcommittee for the Agency and that they had approved our going ahead with this. The Senator queried [redacted] whether he had recently read the authorization and did he believe it was adequate. I said we had gone into this very carefully and I believed it was adequate. Senator Russell stated that he thought the proposal was all right and that we should go ahead but did request that the authorization language be checked with Mr. Darden of the Committee staff and this I promised to do.

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2. The Director raised with Senator Russell the question of approval of our 1965 appropriation and inquired whether the Senator wished to go into this in any further detail since we had not discussed this fully with the Subcommittee. The Senator said he thought we had discussed rather fully the placement of our funds and indicated he saw no need to go into it further. (I am sure the Senator was referring to a meeting he had with Dr. Brown and Assistant Secretary Hitch of DOD at which meeting [redacted] and John Clarke were present as observers. Senator Russell had invited us to assure the proper placement of Agency funds.) The Director indicated that he understood that Mr. Mahon was

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was going to speak to him about our budget rather than sending us the usual letter and apparently hoped to develop a single letter from both the Senate and the House. The Senator said that Mahon had not talked with him but he would be happy to meet with him on this.

3. The Director then discussed our retirement bill. He touched on the high quality of our people and the need to have more adequate benefits for those who are in clandestine activities. The Senator stated that he was fully alert to our concern on the bill. He stated that he has not had the time to go into it for a long time and that when he had first read it he felt there were some features which needed adjustment. The Director stated the House had held extensive hearings and attempted to tighten up the bill. The Senator indicated that by normal standards, however, this was still a loose bill and necessarily had to be so. He stated that in his view if Mr. McCone were to remain the Director he would have no hesitancy but that some tightening should be present for future Directors. The Director stated that, of course, we would be happy to go into any adjustments and undoubtedly some could be made. The Senator stated that he was nearing the end of his Committee business and he really had only two items remaining and they were the ROTC bill and the CIA Retirement bill. He stated he would like to read it again alone and pose some questions to us. He mentioned that Mr. Braswell has done some work on this. [redacted] stated he has discussed the bill with Braswell but has worked more with Bill Darden on it. The Senator suggested that [redacted] get together with Braswell and offer him all of the material we have and possibly answer questions. The Senator indicated he would try to get to this in the very near future. The Senator did say that there was one significant difference between the Agency bill and the Foreign Service. (It is assumed and the Director agrees that the point referred to by Russell is the absence of statutory limitations in the ability of the Director to designate participants whereas at least in the Foreign Service these appointments are in the name of the President with confirmation by the Senate. This assumption is supported by the fact that at one point Russell ventured his view that there are too many Foreign Service Officers in any event.)

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4. Action to be taken: (a) [redacted] to check with Bill Darden on the printing plant building and the original authorization; (b) get word to Mahon that Russell would be happy to meet with him on the Agency budget; and (c) Echols and [redacted] to meet with Braswell at the earliest possible moment on the retirement bill.

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s/ John S. Warner

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